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A N N U A L R E P O R T S

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEARS 1947 AND 1948.



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PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORTS

on the health and sanitary condition of the

PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT

YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Portland Urban District Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

1. Medical Officer of Health:

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7B, Greenhill, Weymouth.

2. Sanitary Inspector:

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C. Otter.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

I have the honour to present the Annual Reports on the health of the district for the years 1947 and 1948.

During the period, Dr. Paisley (Medical Officer of Health from 17/3/41 - 30/11/47) and Dr. Barnes (Medical Officer of Health from 8/12/47 - 6/12/48) resigned and I would like this opportunity of expressing what I am sure would be the wish of the Council - an appreciation of the good work done by both Medical Officers with special reference to the arduous work during the War of Dr. Paisley and the investigation into the sub-standard houses by Dr. Barnes.

The dates of resignation of both Medical Officers were inconvenient for the completion of the Annual Reports for 1947 and 1948 and owing to the shortage of clerical staff I am combining both annual reports into one.

Dr. I. B. Lawrence commenced his appointment on 6th December, 1948.

The health of the district during the two years has been satisfactory but, as elsewhere, did not escape the epidemic of Infantile Paralysis which spread all over the country in 1947. Fortunately, only two civilian cases occurred in Portland and no deaths resulted, but three other cases were reported in members of the Services and, unfortunately, one died.

The main health hazard in Portland, as elsewhere, is insufficient housing accommodation, this has been accentuated in this area by houses damaged by enemy action. The other factors causing this shortage are (a) bad property which but for the war would have been condemned, the little better houses which have deteriorated and now also are unfit, (b) absence of new houses which in normal times are regularly being built, (c) the increase in the birth rate.

I believe the health of the nation will be influenced by the speed at which new houses are built. It is a comforting thought, however, to know that the structure of houses are now carefully controlled and that rising dampness, seen so commonly in the older houses, should disappear. I do feel, however, we are losing a great opportunity of doing more, such as, better insulation, internal central heating arrangements, installation of more modern fuel saving appliances, combined with space heating of other rooms and even district heating. The latter points would all help to reduce the damage, not only to health but also to buildings caused by smoke.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Portland stands in a unique position in that it is an island joined to the mainland by a long narrow peninsular bounded on the west side by the renowned Chesil Beach and its setting with its rugged cliffs is magnificent.

Plans for constructing an alternative road ascending the Island are contemplated and as the unfit houses along the route are cleared the opportunity of rebuilding and beautifying the Island will, I am sure, not be lost on the present active Council.

Beautiful surroundings play a greater part than is often realised in sustaining and stimulating both the mental and bodily health of the community and I am sure many people would approve if some of the eyesores of Portland were gradually improved or removed. I refer to the untidy masses of stones and rubble lying near the disused quarries, these could be made into playing fields or gardens and the warmth in these disused quarries, even on the coldest day, would attract many inhabitants and even visitors.

The main industries on the Island are situated on the top of the hill, the chief being quarrying and masonry works for Portland Stone - these works are the largest of its kind in the world.

Underhill, the Naval Dockyard provides employment for many people.

I wish to thank the members of the Council for their help and appreciation of public health matters, also Mr. Bolt our Sanitary Inspector for his painstaking work, which considering he used public transport, amazed me at the amount which he managed to carry out.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (land and internal water)	-	2,905 acres.
Resident Population	1947 - 8,036.	1948 - 8,475.
Number of houses inhabited at the end of	1947 - 2,219.	1948 - 2,238.
Rateable Value	1947 - £56,778.	1948 - £58,578.
Sum represented by Penny Rate	1947 - £234.	1948 - £237.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population - Census 1931 - 12,019 including Service personnel.
Population - Estimate for Births & Deaths Rates: 1947 - 8,036.
1948 - 8,475.

<u>Births</u>	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Legitimate	87	51	84	70	171	121
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL...	91	60	87	77	178	137

<u>Still Births</u>						
Legitimate	4	1	2	5	6	6
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL...	4	1	2	5	6	6

<u>Deaths</u>						
All causes and ages	62	51	62	43	124	94

<u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>under 1 year</u>						
Legitimate	3	2	2	2	5	4
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL...	4	2	2	2	6	4

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Birth Rate	16.7	19.7	22.1	16.1
Birth Rate for England and Wales			20.5	17.9
Birth Rate for Smaller Towns	19.2	21.3	22.2	19.2
Crude Death Rate	13.9	10.9	15.4	11.1
Death Rate for England and Wales			12.0	10.8
Death Rate for Smaller Towns	12.3	11.7	11.9	10.7
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 births	33.9	43.4	32.6	29.2
Infant Mortality rate for England and Wales				34.0
Infant Mortality rate for Smaller Towns	43	37	36	32
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1		1	

STATISTICS - Birth Rate, Death Rate and Infant Mortality Rate.

The birth and death rates compare favourably with other small towns - although the rate is lower in each case. The infant mortality rate a good criterion of the health of the district, is also satisfactory, but it must be remembered the smaller the population the less significant are the figures.

DEATH RATE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1947 - Two cases died from Influenza.
1948 - No deaths occurred from Infectious Diseases.

<u>DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>1947.</u>			<u>1948.</u>		
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Scarlet fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried Forwd..	-	-	-	-	-	-

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES (Continued)

	1947.			1948.		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Brought forwd...	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system...	1	2	3	1	2	3
7. Other forms of tuberculosis...	1	-	1	1	-	1
8. Syphilitic diseases...	1	-	1	1	-	1
9. Influenza. ...	1	1	2	-	-	-
10. Measles...	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Infantile paralysis ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Cancer of bucal cavity and oesophagus (M), uterus (F) ...	-	2	2	-	1	1
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum ..	2	4	6	3	-	3
15. Cancer of breast ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	3	1	4	3	5	8
17. Diabetes	-	1	1	-	1	1
18. Intra-canal vascular lesions	9	11	20	7	7	14
19. Heart disease ..	21	19	40	19	14	33
20. Other diseases of circulatory system ..	1	1	2	-	-	-
21. Bronchitis. ...	6	-	6	2	2	4
22. Pneumonia	1	1	2	2	2	4
23. Other respiratory diseases	-	-	-	1	-	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	-	-	-	1	-	1
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	-	1	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases ...	2	2	4	1	3	4
28. Nephritis	2	5	7	2	1	3
29. Puerperal diseases ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
30. Other maternal causes.	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Premature birth. ...	1	1	2	1	-	1
32. Deaths of infants at birth from various causes ...	1	1	2	-	1	1
33. Suicide ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. Road traffic accidents	2	1	3	-	-	-
35. Other violent causes .	2	2	4	1	-	1
36. All other causes ...	4	7	11	5	4	9
TOTAL...	62	62	124	51	43	94

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following tables summarises the notifications of infectious disease made during the years -

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<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>										<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total deaths</u>
	<u>Age Periods</u>											
	0	1-	3-	5-	10	15	25	45	65	A.U. Total		
Scarlet Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	5	12	11	21	2	-	-	-	-	51	1	-

1 9 4 7 (Continued)

Disease	Total Cases Notified										A.U.Total x	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
	Age Periods												
	0	1-	3-	5-	10	15	25	45	65				
Measles ...	2	13	20	48	-	2	-	-	-	-	85	-	-
Pneumonia ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
Erysipelas ..	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	1	-
Meningitis ..	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-
Puerperal													
Pyrexia ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Diphtheria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infantile													
Paralysis ..	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	5	3	1
Dysentery ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food													
Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scabies ...	-	2	2	2	2	6	12	1	3	-	30	-	-

x A.U. Denotes Age Unknown.

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Disease	Total Cases Notified										A.U.Total	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
	Age Periods												
	0	1-	3-	5-	10	15	25	45	65				
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	3	5	4	-	-	3	-	-	-	15	-	-
Measles	...	1	5	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	9	2	-
Pneumonia	...	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	5	-	-
Erysipelas	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	6	-	-
Meningitis	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Diphtheria	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infantile Paralysis	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Food Poisoning	..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scabies	...	-	2	-	1	-	4	1	3	-	11	-	-

x A.U. Denotes Age Unknown.

A small outbreak of measles and whooping cough occurred in 1947 - 85 and 51 cases respectively being notified - no deaths occurred.

TUBERCULOSIS

During 1947 and 1948 the following cases and deaths from tuberculosis were notified:-

Age Periods	New Cases						Deaths					
	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory			Non-Respiratory		
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
	47	48	47	48	47	48	47	48	47	48	47	48
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
forwrd..	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Age Periods	New Cases								Deaths							
	Respiratory				Non-Respiratory				Respiratory				Non-Respiratory			
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48	19 47	19 48
Brot																
Forwd..	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
55-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ..	5	4	5	2	2	2	1	2	-	1	3	1	1	1	-	-

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The figures for the years 1947 and 1948 were as follows:-

	1947			1948 Up to end of June.
	Jan.	Dec.	TOTAL	
Under 5 years of age	41	60	101	63
Between 5 & 15 years	4	9	13	0
"Booster dose	24	29	53	8

IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
193	92	79	84	Discon- tinued.	30	85

INFESTATION

1947. Eight premises were sprayed with insecticide containing D.D.T. for the presence of fleas and one for lice. No premises were treated against bed bugs.

1948. Four premises were sprayed with insecticide containing D.D.T. against bugs and no re-disinfestation was necessary in any of these cases. Three other premises were treated against fleas.

WATER SUPPLIES

Borehole, Friar Waddon:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1947	-	-	D	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	DC	C	S	-	S	S	-	-	D	-	-

Domestic Tap, Portland:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1947	-	S	-	S	-	S	S	-	-	-	S	S
1948	-	-	S	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	S

S = Satisfactory; D = Doubtful; C = Contaminated,
- = Not sampled.

The water supply is piped from a borehole at Friar Waddon, it is satisfactory in quantity, the water is chlorinated because occasional samples before chlorination have been found to be contaminated. The cause of the pollution has never been definitely proved.

All houses in the district have a mains supply of water.

PUBLIC CLEANSING, REFUSE AND SALVAGE

A weekly collection is being maintained - the salvage is carried in a trailer.

The refuse disposal site is a disused quarry and the controlled method of tipping is used.

SEWAGE

1947. No sewer extensions were made.

1948. An extension of 300 yards was made for the Courtlands Road prefabricated houses.

1948. The broken outfall at Chesil was repaired and the outlet was extended to its original position out at sea.

HOUSING

<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>In process of erection</u>		<u>Completed</u>	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
Temporary	-	-	15	-
Permanent				
Traditional	54	12	-	54
Non-Traditional	-	-	2	25
Conversions into Flats	-	-	-	5
War Damaged repaired houses	-	-	6	6
TOTAL...	54	12	23	90

The majority of the houses in the district are built of Portland stone and were erected years ago. Many of them have had their day being dilapidated, damp and without the ordinary amenities now considered essential in an urban district, e.g. no bathroom, food store, wash-house and no damp proof course. No doubt most of these will be included in slum clearance areas when the procedure is again allowed.

OLD PERSONS

There are eight flats for old people and the building of sixteen bungalows will be commenced in 1949.

LABORATORY SPECIMENS

	1948
Throat Swabs	37
Sputa for Tuberculosis	-
Blood	3
Urine	-
Faeces	30
Water	14
Milk	15
Miscellaneous	3

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These can be obtained from the County Laboratory, Glyde Park Road, Dorchester. Telephone: Dorchester 864.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Since 5th July, 1948 all ambulances are stationed at the Health Centre, Weymouth. To call the ambulance, Telephone, Weymouth 1645; if no reply, Telephone Portway Hospital, Weymouth 1881. The urgency of the case should be stated.

HOME HELP SERVICE

In 1947, owing to the increasing need of this service, a

third home help was appointed in November. One of the home helps resigned late in 1948 because she was leaving the district, and she was replaced in February, 1949. Under the National Health Service Act the powers for providing home helps is the responsibility of the County Council and in February 1949 a home help organiser was appointed by the County Council.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT CENTRES

These are now, under the new Act, under control of the Regional Board.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

WATER SUPPLY

Mains. Water Samples were taken during 1947 and 1948 and the results of bacteriological examinations showed that some contamination occurred at the borehole during the years. Of the nine samples taken, five were satisfactory, two were unsatisfactory and two suspicious.

All chlorinated samples of tap water were highly satisfactory.

Well. Three samples from one disused well were taken in 1948. All proved unsatisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

With few exceptions the water carriage system is of general use in the district. The closet accommodation is satisfactory. The disposal is by means of three outfalls to the sea.

There are twelve buildings drained into cesspools.

Three have pail closets.

Three into septic and filter tanks.

In two instances premises are drained into natural fissures.

New sewage works. An extension of 300 yards was laid for the Courtlands Road prefabricated houses. The Chesil Outfall was repaired and outlet carried to its original position out at sea.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse collection and disposal followed the lines of previous years. The work is carried out under the direction of the Surveyor. The method of treatment is by means of controlled tipping at the Council's Depot, a method advocated for a considerable time and is now quite satisfactory. No complaints are now received as to nuisance as was the case before this system was adopted.

SHOPS ACTS

Number of inspections made under the Shops Acts:

1947 .. 10; 1948 .. 10.

No exemption Certificates were granted during the year, and except where the few exemptions have been granted, the premises are all satisfactory with regard to sanitary and washing accommodation.

FACTORIES ACTS

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
No. on Register	53	78
No. of Inspections made	133	142
No. of Notices	5	17
No. of Defects found	5	17
No. of Defects remedied	5	12

SANITARY INSPECTIONS MADE

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Total number of complaints received	93	80
Number and nature of inspections made during -		
1947 - 1,129;		
1948 - 1,745.		
<u>Nature of Inspection</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Visits to houses and inspections of nuisances etc. in course of abatement ...	794	788
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases ...	43	19
Visits to Slaughterhouse ...	46	41
Visits to Cowsheds & Dairies ...	39	43
Visits to Food Shops ...	146	149
Visits to Fish Frying Shops ...	40	50
Visits to Bakchouses ...	39	48
Visits to Factories ...	133	142
Visits in connection with Rats Destruction	49	66
Miscellaneous visits, interviews with property owners &c. ...	216	152
Visits under Shops Acts ...	10	10
Drain Tests carried out - Water ...	40	38
Smoke ...	23	38
Drains unstopped ...	143	137
Premises cleansed ...	9	5

CAMPING SITES

There are no official camping sites in the area.

REGULATED BUILDINGS

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Common Lodging Houses	-	-
Canal Boats	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, &c.	140	150

Huts are used for seasonal occupation, they have a water supply but no sewerage disposal system.

MILK SUPPLY

<u>Cowkeepers</u>		<u>Number of Contraventions -</u>	
No. on	Inspections	Found during	Remedied during
Register.	made.	Year.	Year.
<u>1947</u>			
7	43	12	12
<u>1948</u>			
7	39	13	13

<u>Dairymen, or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers)</u>			
No. on	Inspections	<u>Number of Contraventions</u> -	
Register.	made.	Found during	Remedied during
<u>1947</u>		Year.	Year.
3	12	1	1
<u>1948</u>			
3	13	1	1

MILK SAMPLES

				<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Designated	...	...		5	5
Raw	...	...		5	14

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1936/46

Number of Licences issued in respect of -

			<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Tuberculin tested	- Bottling	...	-	-
	Dealers	...	-	-
	Supplementary	...	-	-
Accredited	- Bottling	...	-	-
	Dealers	...	1	1
	Supplementary	...	-	-
Pasteurised	- Pasteurising Plants	..	-	-
	Dealers (retail)	...	-	-
	Supplementary (retail)		2	2

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTIONS

Under Ministry of Food arrangements, all slaughtering is carried out at Dorchester, and meat inspection is carried out in conjunction with other Inspectors in the area.

Number of animals killed for human consumption under licence from the Ministry of Food -

			<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Pigs	...	...	6	14
Sheep	...	...	916	510
Calves	...	...	-	2
Beasts	...	...	357	343

FOOD CONDEMNED

			<u>1 9 4 7</u>	
Mixed Vegetables	...		153 $\frac{1}{2}$	doz. tins.
Milk	...		902	tins.
Soup	...		10	tins.
Shell Eggs	...		40	doz.
Fish Cakes	...		21	doz.
Tea	...		2 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Fruit, dried	...		30	lbs.
Fruit, tinned	...		33	
Jam	...		3	tins.
Cocoa	...		64	lbs.
Split Peas	...		5	cwt.
Margarine	...		336	lbs.
Fish, wet	...		19	stones.
Fish, tins	...		26	
Chocolate	...		15	doz. bars
Butter	...		5 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Bacon	...		110 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Meat, canned	...		181	lbs.
Meat, carcase	...		1,717	lbs.

			<u>1 9 4 8</u>	
Bacon	...		49 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Meat, canned	...		177	lbs.
Meat, carcase	...		173	lbs.
Mixed Vegetables	...		26	tins.
Milk	...		104	tins.
Soup	...		40	tins.
Shell Eggs	...		67	doz.
Fruit	...		28	tins.
Preserves	...		46	tins.
Jam	...		14	tins.
Fish	...		26	tins.
Fish, wet	...		103	stones.
Biscuits	...		56	lbs.
Butter	...		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Cereals	...		103	lbs.
Salad Cream	...		15	jars.
Yeast	...		23	lbs.
Egg substitute	...		8	lbs.

HOUSING

<u>Inspection of Dwelling Houses</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	189	110
Number of Inspections made for the purpose .	472	297
<u>Remedy of Defects - Informal Action</u>		
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action ..	104	92
<u>Remedy of Defects - Statutory Action</u>		
Proceedings under Sec. 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	13	1
No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:		
(a) by owners ..	9	5
(b) by local authority in default of owners ..	-	-
<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>		
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..	2	1
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:		
(a) by owners ..	2	1
(b) by local authority in default of owners ..	-	-
<u>Proceedings under Sec. 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936</u>		
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	-	5
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Order ..	-	2
<u>Proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Housing Act, 1936</u>		
No. of separate tenements in which respect Closing Orders were made ..	2	-

OVERCROWDING

Overcrowding exists but to what extent is not known

ICE CREAM

There are 29 vendors of ice cream in the district, in addition small quantities are sold from vehicles operating from outside the area. The majority of ice cream sold is already pre-packed the remainder being brought in containers for sale as loose ice cream.

The premises vary, but generally speaking are satisfactory.

Results of Samples taken

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Grade 1 ...	-	11
Grade 2 ...	-	-
Grade 3 ...	-	1
Grade 4 ...	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

Sewer baiting was carried out on those sections of the sewers considered likely to be affected, the other sections become surcharged with storm water and of such steep

gradients that they cannot remain infested. The refuse tip situated at the Council Depot has been cleared of rats and control baiting is regularly attended to. Minor infestations only have been met with during both years and all complaints attended to as well as possible by the limited staff available.

I have the honour to be your obedient servant,

J.B. Lawrence.

Medical Officer of Health.